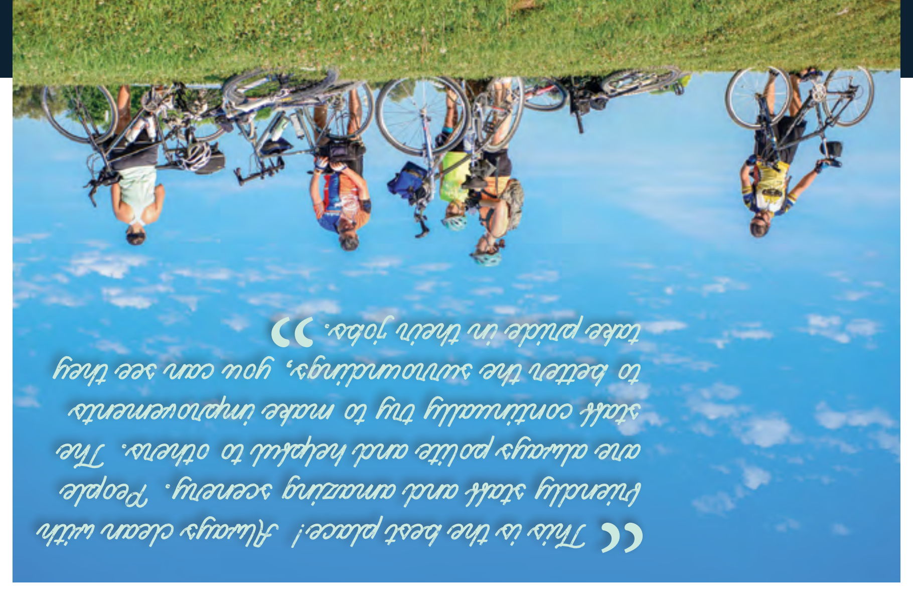
“I have memories of fly fishing with my dad, riding my bike through the campground, the smell of the campfire, the hikes, the views, ice cream from the park stores, snakes in the nature center, and so many more memories from different parks that I could spend hours reminiscing on. I am so thankful I was able to have this experience growing up. It has truly made me who I am today. Thank you for making these parks available and thank you for giving me the best childhood ever.”

TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: *Ha Ha Tonka State Park; Missouri Mines State Historic Site; Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site; Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park* CENTER: *Taum Sauk Mountain State Park; Missouri State Museum* BOTTOM ROW: *Big Oak Tree State Park; Katy Trail State Park; Cuivre River State Park*

ANS WERE LEERY OF THE WAR IN EUROPE.
The state's leading politicians, such as U.S. Sen. William J. Stone, supported President Woodrow Wilson's commitment to neutrality. So too did Missouri's large population of first and second generation German immigrants, many of whom had family living in Europe. As the war progressed, these immigrants faced growing anti-German sentiment here at home.
ON APRIL 6, 1917, the U.S. joined the Allied Powers and declared war on Germany. In Missouri, initial wariness turned to full-fledge support. As one newspaper stated, it was time to "Do Things" to "set the patriotic ball rolling." Men signed up for the Selective Service and were drafted into the military. Women, too, signed up for service overseas. Here at home, thousands of Missourians worked and volunteered to support the war effort. At war's end, Missourians mourned and remembered, "Lest We Forget."

“My family has been making memories at Stockton State Park for 10 years now and we are always very satisfied with our experience there, they are always making improvements to the park and we will continue to keep making family memories there. Thank you for all you do.”



“This is the best place! Always clean with friendly staff and amazing scenery. People are always polite and helpful to others. The staff continually try to make improvements to better the surroundings, you can see they take pride in their jobs.”

Fotografíe este código QR con la cámara de su teléfono para ver una versión en Español de este folleto.

Trails of Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry

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MISSOURI STATE PARKS

A Message from the Governor

In a year when everything was turned upside down, Missouri State Parks offered Missouri citizens an opportunity to get outside and have fun. Both new faces and reliable long-time guests visited in record-breaking numbers in 2020. Whether you've enjoyed our parks or historic sites before or you are a first-time visitor, the First Lady and I offer you a warm welcome.

In 2021, we are celebrating Missouri's 200th birthday, and Missouri State Parks offers many destinations for people to experience our state's rich and diverse culture and history. You can visit the historic homes of a past president, pre-eminent artist, and the United States' only six-star general. You can travel into the past through covered bridges and historic mills or walk through the calm, quiet landscapes where the native peoples, the state's original inhabitants, once lived. You can learn about the original seat of Missouri's government, the place where African American soldiers first fought in the Civil War, the history of lead mining, and the stories of French and German immigrants.

If you are looking for a little more than history, the J. Huston Tavern, operated continually since 1834 at Arrow Rock State Historic Site, will be reopening after a recent fire just in time for this historic commemoration.

Of course, we can't forget the state parks' contributions to Missouri's natural history. You'll find views of original prairies and amazing opportunities for watching species of beautiful birds that grace our state skies. Teresa and I recently had the chance to enjoy Echo Bluff State Park – a beautiful piece of land known for its scenic bluffs. Each of our state parks displays the incredible beauty of Missouri, and with so much variety, you'll discover that they offer much more than just a place for hiking, mountain biking, or fishing.

Camping is another favorite activity for so many across this great state. Starting this year, same-day reservations will be available, so you can make a camping reservation from just a few hours before your trip to an entire year in advance. While reservations are no longer required, they are recommended so you know you have a place waiting under the stars with your name on it.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us all that it's the simple pleasures of life that bring the most joy. Missouri state parks offer you a perfect place to experience the simple things. Visit mostateparks.com to discover the possibilities.

Michael L. Parson
Governor

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FRONT COVER: *Knob Noster State Park*

Activities & Amenities GRID

FACILITY NAME	CONTACT NO.	CAMPING																		AMENITIES								TRAILS						
		BASIC | WALK-IN	ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC 🟧	ELECTRIC | WATER	ELECTRIC | WATER 🟧	SEWER | ELECTRIC | WATER	SEWER | ELECTRIC | WATER 🟧	PLATFORM TENT	EQUESTRIAN	FAMILY	RESERVABLE	ADA ACCESSIBLE	MAXIMUM AMPS	DUMP STATION	LAUNDRY	GATE | AFTER HOURS ACCESS	ORGANIZED GROUP CAMP	SPECIAL-USE CAMPING AREA	GROUP TENT AREA	LODGING	MARINA | BOAT RAMP	FOOD SERVICE	RETAIL**	FISHING	BOATING	SWIMMING	TRAILS	BIKING TRAILS	ATV TRAILS	PICNIC SITES	SHELTER	INTERPRETATION	TOURS
(J. Huston Tavern to reopen July 2021) Arrow Rock SHS	660-837-3330	12	10	24				1				•	3	50	•		•		•				•	•	L			•			•	O	•MC	•
Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial SP	636-458-3813	25	23	24								•	4	50	•		•	•	•					•				•EQ	HS		•	O E	•MC	
Sam A. Baker SP	573-856-4411	55	34	107						21	12	•	10	50	•	•			•		C	RA	•	•	R S	• WR	• R	•BP EQ	BR HS MB		•	O	•MC	
Battle of Athens SHS	660-877-3871	14		15										50								RA		•	L R	•		•			•	E	•	•
Battle of Carthage SHS	417-682-2279																											•						
Battle of Island Mound SHS	800-334-6946																											•			•	O	•	
Battle of Lexington SHS	660-259-4654																							•				•			•		•MC	•
Battle of Pilot Knob SHS	573-546-3454																							•				•			•	O	•MC	•
Bennett Spring SP	417-532-4338	15	121					48			6	•	11	50	•	•			•		C OT		•	•	R S	• WR		•			•	O	•MC	
Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio SHS	816-931-5722																							•									•	•
(Day-use only 2021) Big Lake SP	660-442-3770	17	50	8								•	4	50	•						CC	RA		•	L	• WR					•	O		
Big Oak Tree SP	573-649-3149																								M	•		•			•	O	•	
Big Sugar Creek SP	417-847-2539																											•						
Bollinger Mill SHS	573-243-4591																							•							•		•	•
Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead SHS	417-751-3266																							•				•			•	O	•	•
Boone's Lick SHS	660-837-3330																											•				O	•	
Bothwell Lodge SHS	660-827-0510																							•				•	MB		•	O	•	•
Castlewood SP	636-227-4433																					RA			R			•EQ	HS MB		•	O	•	
Clark's Hill/Norton SHS	573-449-7402																											•					•	
Confederate Memorial SHS	660-584-2853																							•	L						•	E	•	•
Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones - Confluence Point SP	636-899-1135																											•						
Crowder SP	660-359-6473	9	23					6			2	•	3	50	•	•	•	•	•			RA		•	L	• WR		•EQ	MB		•	O E		
Cuivre River SP	636-528-7247	47	27					31	3	13	2	•	6	50	•	•	•	•	•			RA		•	L R	• WR	• B	•BP EQ	MB		•	O E	•MC	
Current River SP	573-858-3015																								L	•		•BP			•	O E	•	
Deutschheim SHS	573-486-2200																							•									•MC	•
Dillard Mill SHS	573-244-3120																							•	S			•			•	O	•	•
Echo Bluff SP	573-858-3015	12				19		41				•	8	50	•						C OT		•	•	S		• S	•BP	MB		•	O		
Elephant Rocks SP	573-546-3454																								L			•			•		•	
Finger Lakes SP	573-443-5315	19	10	6								•	2	50	•		•					RA		•	L	• WR	• B	•W	MB	•	•	E		
First Missouri State Capitol SHS	636-940-3322																							•									•MC	•
Graham Cave SP	573-564-3476	34	18									•		30	•	•						RA		•	R	•		•			•	O	•	
Grand Gulf SP	417-264-7600																											•					•	
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Hawn SP	573-883-3603	20	23	6								•	3	50	•	•	•		•					•				•BP			•	O	•	
Hunter-Dawson SHS	573-748-5340																							•									•	•
Iliniwek Village SHS	660-877-3871																											•			•		•	
Johnson's Shut-Ins SP	573-546-2450	28		21		9		19		9		•	5	50	•	•	•		•		CC		•	•	R		• R	•BP EQ	BR HS		•	O E	•MC	
Scott Joplin House SHS	314-340-5790																							•								E	•MC	•
Katy Trail SP	573-449-7402																											•EQ	MB HS					
Knob Noster SP	660-563-2463	25	37								6	•	4	30	•		•	•	•					•	L S	• WR		•EQ	MB		•	O	•MC	
Lake of the Ozarks SP	573-348-2694	58	56	71							5	•	10	50	•	•		•			CC OT	RA MA	•	•	L	• WR	• B	•BP EQ W	MB HS		•	O	•MC	•
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Long Branch SP	660-773-5229	18	31	25							7	•	4	50	•				•			RA MA		•	L	• WR	• B	•BP	HS		•	O		
Mastodon SHS	636-464-2976																		•					•				•			•	O	•MC	•
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Missouri Mines SHS	573-431-6226																							•									•MC	•
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Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home SHS	660-963-2525																							•							•		•MC	•
Pershing SP	660-963-2299	12	26		18							•	2	30	•	•			•					•	L S			•BP			•	O E	•	
Pomme de Terre SP	417-852-4291	35	91	90		2					15	•	9	50	•	•					OT	RA MA	•	•	L	• WR	• B	•	BR		•	O	•	
Prairie SP	417-843-6711	4											2											•				•BP			•		•MC	
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Harry S Truman Birthplace SHS	417-682-2279																							•									•	•
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Mark Twain Birthplace SHS	573-565-3440																							•	L			•					•MC	•
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Felix Vallé House SHS	573-883-7102																							•									•	•
Annie and Abel Van Meter SP	660-886-7537	9	4	8								•	1	50										•	L			•			•	O	•MC	
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Washington SP	636-586-5768	26	23								1	•	3	30	•	•			•		C	RA	•	•	R	• WR	• P	•BP			•	O	•	
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Weston Bend SP	816-640-5443	3	21	10							2	•	2	50	•	•	•							•	R			•	HS		•	O E	•	

GRID KEY

SHS = State historic site
SP = State park
• = Available
B = Swimming Beach*
BP = Backpacking trail
BR = Bike rental
C = Cabin
CC = Camper cabin
E = Enclosed shelter
EQ = Equestrian trail
HS = Hard surface
L = Lake
M = Moat
MA = Marina
MB = Mountain biking
MC = Museum/center
O = Open
OT = Other
P = Pool
R = River
RA = Boat ramp
S = Stream
W = Water
WR = Watercraft rental
🟧 = Premium 50-amp electric service

*Water quality tested

**Retail selections vary by facility. For more information on what items are available contact the facility.

These facilities preserve a part of Missouri's history, but do not offer any of the amenities listed on the grid: Gov. Dunklin's Grave, Jewell Cemetery, Locust Creek Covered Bridge, Sappington Cemetery, Towosahgy and Union Covered Bridge state historic sites.

Memories of Adventure

You can begin creating memories as soon as you enter a Missouri state park or historic site and there are endless opportunities for adventure waiting for you. From hiking through ancient forests, to exploring a mysterious cave, to paddling along on crystal-clear waters, we offer perfect places to embark on adventures that you will always remember, even if your definition of adventure is relaxing under a shade tree with a good book or learning more about Missouri's rich and varied cultural history.

TRAILS

There is no better way to find memorable adventure than by setting out on a new trail and you'll find some of Missouri's very best trails in our state parks. More than 60 of our parks and historic sites together form an extraordinary system of trails totaling more than 1,000 miles – not just for hiking, but also for walking, backpacking, bicycling, horseback riding and paddling. Our trails offer something for virtually everyone who hears adventure calling.

HOOFING IT Walking trails provide a way for visitors of all abilities to explore state parks at their own pace, while hiking and backpacking trails take the more adventurous into some of the state's most remote and ruggedly beautiful areas. For a different trail adventure, saddle up a horse and experience a bit of what it was like for explorers and pioneers who traveled through Missouri when it was still wild and unsettled.

ROLLING ALONG Hitting the trail on a bicycle is another great way to have adventurous fun at a Missouri state park or historic site. Twenty-six of our facilities offer trails designed for bicycles and four parks have bicycles for rent. Biking trail surfaces vary from hard-packed and paved to natural. Mountain bikers can choose from a range of challenging trails with all types of terrain, including the bicycle pump track at Finger Lakes State Park and the skills course at Echo Bluff State Park – both favorites of avid mountain bikers. Anyone who likes getting off-road on all-terrain vehicles can find trails made especially for them at both St. Joe and Finger Lakes state parks.

PADDLE POWER Lakes and streams might not be considered trails, but at Missouri State Parks, we think paddling along in a canoe or kayak is a great way to find adventure. Six of our parks offer water trails that visitors can use to explore what they have to offer: Finger Lakes, Ha Ha Tonka, Lake of the Ozarks, St. Joe, Stockton and Wakonda state parks.

WATER FUN

With more than 40 state parks offering access to rivers, streams or lakes, you can find endless ways to make life-long memories of adventure on Missouri waters. Our state parks offer a range of facilities for boaters, from full-service marinas on major lakes to more simple boat ramps and docks. You can also cast off from state parks to find floating adventure on some of Missouri's best paddling streams. And, many state parks rent canoes and kayaks. Of course, some of the best memories can be made with a fishing rod in hand. From wading in a stream, to testing your fly-fishing skill against elusive trout, to relaxing on a lake bank with a worm and bobber, you can have your style of fishing fun at a Missouri state park. Then, when the hot sun threatens your summer fun, head to one of our swimming beaches or pools to cool off and beat the heat.

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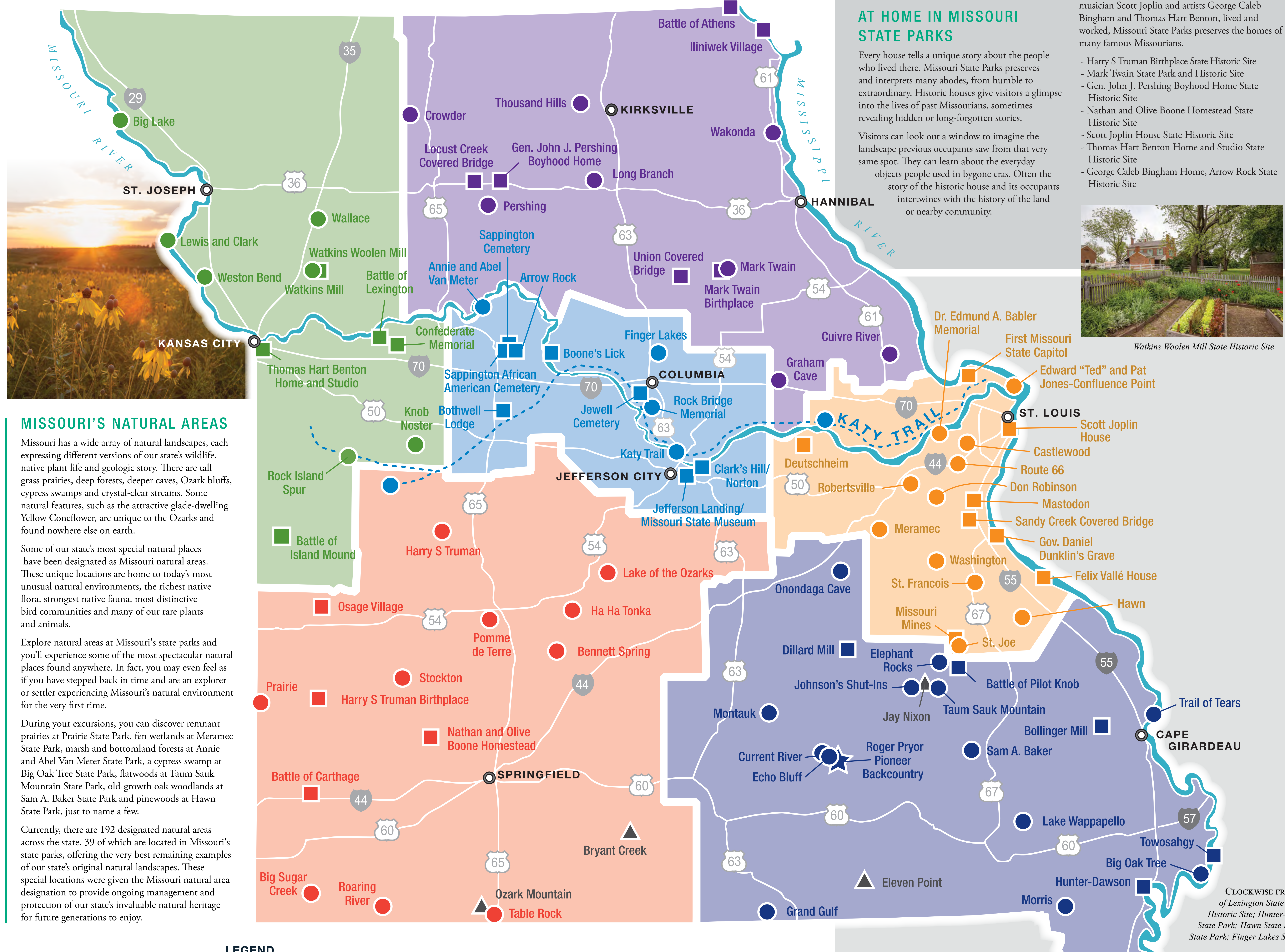
MISSOURI STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES MAP

STATE PARKS AND STATE HISTORIC SITES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE 2021 SEASON

Properties at Bryant Creek, Eleven Point, Jay Nixon and Ozark Mountain remain closed and not open to the public.*



MISSOURI'S NATURAL AREAS

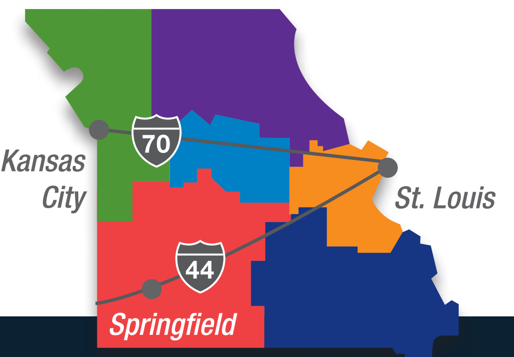
Missouri has a wide array of natural landscapes, each expressing different versions of our state's wildlife, native plant life and geologic story. There are tall grass prairies, deep forests, deeper caves, Ozark bluffs, cypress swamps and crystal-clear streams. Some natural features, such as the attractive glade-dwelling Yellow Coneflower, are unique to the Ozarks and found nowhere else on earth.

Some of our state's most special natural places have been designated as Missouri natural areas. These unique locations are home to today's most unusual natural environments, the richest native flora, strongest native fauna, most distinctive bird communities and many of our rare plants and animals.

Explore natural areas at Missouri's state parks and you'll experience some of the most spectacular natural places found anywhere. In fact, you may even feel as if you have stepped back in time and are an explorer or settler experiencing Missouri's natural environment for the very first time.

During your excursions, you can discover remnant prairies at Prairie State Park, fen wetlands at Meramec State Park, marsh and bottomland forests at Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park, a cypress swamp at Big Oak Tree State Park, flatwoods at Taum Sauk Mountain State Park, old-growth oak woodlands at Sam A. Baker State Park and pinewoods at Hawn State Park, just to name a few.

Currently, there are 192 designated natural areas across the state, 39 of which are located in Missouri's state parks, offering the very best remaining examples of our state's original natural landscapes. These special locations were given the Missouri natural area designation to provide ongoing management and protection of our state's invaluable natural heritage for future generations to enjoy.



LEGEND

🟩 KANSAS CITY REGION
🟥 LAKES REGION
▨ SOUTHEAST REGION
▨ CENTRAL REGION
▨ ST. LOUIS REGION
▨ NORTHEAST REGION

● STATE PARK
■ STATE HISTORIC SITE
★ BACKCOUNTRY AREA/RECREATION AREA
▲ *UNOPENED PROPERTY
◎ CITY

STATE HISTORIC SITES

Keeping the Past Alive

AT HOME IN MISSOURI STATE PARKS

Every house tells a unique story about the people who lived there. Missouri State Parks preserves and interprets many abodes, from humble to extraordinary. Historic houses give visitors a glimpse into the lives of past Missourians, sometimes revealing hidden or long-forgotten stories.

Visitors can look out a window to imagine the landscape previous occupants saw from that very same spot. They can learn about the everyday objects people used in bygone eras. Often the story of the historic house and its occupants intertwines with the history of the land or nearby community.

Famous Missourians

Even before statehood, many people who lived on the land that became Missouri made their marks in history. From the humble birthplaces of U.S. President Harry S Truman and world-renowned author Mark Twain, to the homes where ragtime musician Scott Joplin and artists George Caleb Bingham and Thomas Hart Benton, lived and worked, Missouri State Parks preserves the homes of many famous Missourians.

- Harry S Truman Birthplace State Historic Site
- Mark Twain State Park and Historic Site
- Gen. John J. Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site
- Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead State Historic Site
- Scott Joplin House State Historic Site
- Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio State Historic Site
- George Caleb Bingham Home, Arrow Rock State Historic Site

Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site

Earliest Missourians

Missouri State Parks also preserves sites of the earliest occupation in Missouri, from when American Indians lived in the region prior to European settlement. Archaeological excavations at sites such as Iliniwek Village and Towosahgy state historic sites have provided a wealth of information about the homes and daily lives of these early residents, in spite of the fact that most of their structures no longer remain.

- Illinois Indian site, Iliniwek Village State Historic Site
- Mississippian peoples site, Towosahgy State Historic Site
- Osage Indian site, Osage Village State Historic Site
- Missouria Indian site, Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park
- Paleo-Indian site, Graham Cave State Park

Traditional House Museums

Some houses, such as the Hunter-Dawson House, focus on a more intimate story of women and domestic family life, while others, like the Felix Vallé House and the Pommer-Gentner House at Deutschheim State Historic Site, reflect part of Missouri's immigrant story and the general development of the state.

- Hunter-Dawson House, Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site
- Watkins House, Watkins Woolen Mill State Park and State Historic Site
- Anderson House, Battle of Lexington State Historic Site
- Thome-Benning House ("the Cannonball House"), Battle of Athens State Historic Site
- Felix Vallé and Dr. Benjamin Shaw houses, Felix Vallé House State Historic Site
- Pommer-Gentner and Carl Strehly houses, Deutschheim State Historic Site
- Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site

Out-of-the-Ordinary

Nontraditional home sites also occur within the Missouri state park system, such as the fantastic castle ruins of Ha Ha Tonka, once the private retreat of a wealthy Kansas City family. Visitors to First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site might be surprised that the site also interprets the Peck Brothers' residence, located below the rooms where the Missouri government convened during its first four years. Additionally, Missouri State Parks has several unique examples of different architectural construction techniques, including the Green Tree Tavern at Felix Vallé House State Historic Site, a rare example of Poteau Sur Sole (post on sill) vertical log construction. Several buildings and features around Arrow Rock built by enslaved African Americans showcase their contributions in Missouri; visitors can learn more at Sappington African American Cemetery State Historic Site.

- Castle ruins, Ha Ha Tonka State Park
- Peck Brothers' residence, First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site
- Green Tree Tavern, Felix Vallé House State Historic Site
- Sappington African American Cemetery State Historic Site

Stay the Night

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Pack up your tent or stock up your recreational vehicle for a fun way to enjoy nature and explore Missouri's state parks. Forty-one state park campgrounds provide more than 3,500 campsites for everyone – from walk-in sites tucked away in the trees to ample sites ready for today's modern recreational vehicles. Facilities range from basic sites to premium sites with sewer, water and electric service.

CAMPING SEASON AND RATES

Camping is available year round at many state parks, with water turned off in the campground for much of the winter season. The camping on-season for most state parks is April 1-Oct. 31. At Roaring River State Park, Bennett Spring State Park and Montauk State Park, the on-season begins Feb. 25. Some northern parks begin on-season operation April 15. The on-season for Table Rock State Park runs from March through November.

Camping rates vary, depending on the park, time of the season and the type of utilities available (water, sewer, electric). Nine state park campgrounds offer "value camping" with lower rates, depending on the day and season. More than 1,200 campsites offer premium 50-amp electrical service, ideal for contemporary recreational vehicle. For camping rates for each park, go to mostateparks.com.

A $2 per night camping discount is available year round for senior citizens (65 years and older), persons with disabilities and some military personnel. Proof of age, disability or military status is required at check in. Go to mostateparks.com for more information.

CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER: *Prairie State Park; Battle of Lexington State Historic Site; Gen John J. Pershing Boyhood Home State Historic Site; Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site; Wallace State Park; Table Rock State Park; Hawn State Park; Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park; Lake of the Ozarks State Park; Finger Lakes State Park*

CAMPING TYPES AND AREAS

There's a campsite tailored just for you and your next visit to a Missouri State Parks campground. You can choose from a secluded walk-in site, a basic campsite or a paved pad with sewer, water and electric hookups for your recreational vehicle.

For those who want to camp with their family and friends, family campsites are a great solution. Family campsites consist of two camping pads, as well as two tables, grills and lantern posts so everyone can share in the fun and good times together.

There are campgrounds designed for equestrian users in four state parks, 12 organized-group camps in seven state parks, and special-use camping areas for nonprofit organizations, such as Scouts, in many state parks. The Pin Oak Facility at Lake of the Ozarks State Park features a lodge, group camp, cabins and recreational facilities. Several of the parks with backpacking trails offer primitive camping in designated areas along the trails. Check the grid in this brochure for more information on where these and other special camping areas are located.

SPENDING THE NIGHT

There are two ways to camp in Missouri state parks. Many campgrounds offer walk-up registration campsites, or you can reserve a site in advance by taking advantage of the centralized reservation system. All reservable campsites that are not reserved may be available by walk-up registration.

At most state parks, single-night reservations are allowed on the weekend. Parks that require a two-night minimum stay on the weekend (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday) are Lake of the Ozarks, Lewis and Clark, Mark Twain, Pershing, St. Joe, Stockton, Table Rock, Wakonda, Wallace, Watkins Mill and Weston Bend state parks.

A CAMPING EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMFORTS OF LODGING

If you are looking for the comfort of a lodging experience but still crave the fun of going camping, Missouri State Parks offers several alternatives.

Camper Cabins

Camper cabins, a cross between housekeeping cabins and a campsite, give the feeling of camping without the hassle. Bring your own sleeping bag and enjoy the comforts of electricity, heating and air conditioning, and access to campground amenities.

Camper cabins are available at Johnson's Shut-Ins, Mark Twain, Stockton, Pomme de Terre and Lake Wappapello state parks. Lake of the Ozarks State Park offers Outpost Cabins that are similar to camper cabins.

Premium camper cabins are offered at Big Lake State Park. In addition to electricity, heating and air conditioning, these premium cabins offer running water and restrooms.

Yurts

For a more tent-like experience, try a yurt at Lake of the Ozarks and Pomme de Terre state parks. A yurt is a circular structure with a fabric cover and a wooden frame, making it strong and weather tight. The yurts feature the comforts of electricity, heating and air conditioning, and access to campground amenities.

The premium yurt at Table Rock State Park offers running water, a full kitchen and restroom, in addition to electricity, heating and air conditioning.

Lodging Opportunities

Missouri State Parks offers you the perfect "home away from home" with lodging opportunities ranging from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms with all the amenities.

Cabins and Duplexes

There is a cabin to fit everyone's taste and interest. Cabins built in the 1930s retain the rustic feel, but have been renovated and updated for today's visitors. Cabins and modern duplexes and fourplexes vary at each park and provide a cozy setting for two people or an entire family.

Motels

Six state parks offer modern motel rooms for overnight guests. Lodging is available seasonally at most state parks, while a few offer accommodations year round. With all the comforts of home, they provide the perfect place to stay as you explore Missouri's state parks.

Dining

Hearty appetites go hand in hand with state park adventures. For those who don't want to fix their own meals, 15 state parks have dining facilities that range from modern restaurants and rustic dining lodges offering full meals to a simple grill for a quick snack.

Did You Know?

Annie and Abel Van Meter State Park was the location of a prisoner of war camp during World War II. In 1944, about 500 Italian POWs were housed at Camp Weingarten in Saline County, the present-day site of the park.

Camping Reservation Information

More than 3,500 state park campsites are available for reservation at 38 state park and historic site campgrounds. You can call or go online beginning 12 months in advance and up until 7 p.m. on the day of arrival.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION

- Call toll free 877-ICampMO (877-422-6766) 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT seven days a week
- Or visit **mostateparks.com** 24 hours a day

RESERVATION FEES**

To MAKE a reservation*:

$ 8.50 – General Camping
$ 8.50 – Group Tent Area
* Same-day reservations do not have a reservation fee.

To CHANGE a reservation:

$ 5.25 – General Camping
$ 10 – Group Tent Area

To CANCEL a reservation:

$ 8.50 – General Camping
$ 10 – Group Tent Area

** The reservation fee applies to each site reserved for a future arrival date, whether for one or 15 days, and is non-refundable.

When making reservations, there are various options for payment, including credit cards, debit cards, camping coupons and gift cards. **Check the website at mostateparks.com for more information about making a camping reservation and payment requirements.**

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♿ Making Our Parks Accessible

To ensure our state parks can be used and enjoyed by everyone, we make our facilities accessible to all persons, regardless of abilities. Look for this symbol to identify campsites, showerhouses, picnic areas, fishing docks and other areas that are accessible. For more details about accessibility in Missouri State Parks, visit **mostateparks.com** and click on Accessibility Information in the Park File.